

**State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB)****Letter No. 003****Subject:** Reporting of Validation Notes in EDF**Date:** April 26, 2002**Overview:**

The SWRCB, in the current implementation of AB 2886, recommends that third party validation notes, when reported with the analytical data, be added to the test and result notes in the EDF format (the *TLNOTE* and *RLNOTE* fields, respectively, in the EDF FlatFile format, and the *LNOTE* field in the \*TEST and \*RES files of the EDF Relational format). To accommodate this reporting requirement, codes have been added to the valid value list (VVL). All validation notes in the VVL begin with the character "V," and are commonly referred to as "Vnotes."

Laboratories have been instructed to not use "Vnotes" when producing EDF. These "Vnotes" are reserved for use by data validators (e.g., consultants, or third party data validators).

Please note that the validator and other parties may not modify or otherwise change any data reported by the laboratory. They may only add "Vnotes" to qualify the data.

**Special Conditions:**

The "Vnote," "VR" (defined as "Val. Qual.: Rejected Value"), has been established for use by data validators to indicate that a value has been rejected in the data validation process.

**Areas of Impact:**

Field(s): *TLNOTE*, *RLNOTE* and *LNOTE*

Entry: All *LNOTE* codes in the VVL beginning with "V"